

Holocaust. Legislation was praised by many members of the US Congress.

Greece became a full member of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (Cracow Session 12–18 November 2005).

Memorials have been erected in many cities throughout Greece.

Public TV often shows documentaries and historical series on the Holocaust.

Since school year 2005–2006, the Holocaust is included in the curriculum of the third grade Lyceum (age 17–18 years old) entitled “War crimes—the Holocaust” and students are tested at the end of the school year.

An extensive revision of textbooks is being undertaken by the Pedagogical Institute. A new textbook and teachers’ guidelines will be issued next year. Textbooks of primary and secondary education are also being revised.

#### (D) HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE

Greece has firmly condemned pronouncements by the Iranian President calling for Israel to be wiped-off the map and denying the indisputable fact of the Holocaust. How would anyone deny this fact when the Greek-Jewish community almost vanished during the German occupation of Greece?

The unique historic perspective of the Jewish people guarantees that the issue of Macedonia is well understood. After all, one of the most ancient and flourishing Greek-Jewish communities is in Thessaloniki. Jews from Macedonia who after WW II emigrated to Israel or the US are proud for their Greek inheritance.

History transcends national borders. It belongs to all of us. Political differences cannot justify the distortion of history in any form. Greeks and Jews understand that.

#### IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF ARMY SPECIALIST CASEY W. NASH

#### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Army Specialist Casey W. Nash, who died the eighteenth of May two-thousand seven in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist Nash and two other soldiers were killed by an improvised explosive device in Tahrir, Iraq. He died of serious injuries when the roadside-improvised explosive device detonated near his unit. Specialist Nash enlisted in the Army in February 2003, shortly after graduating from Eastern Technical High School, where he played football. Casey was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Casey served as a fire support specialist and his duties included mapping coordinates and driving a Humvee. He was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Casey Nash was born in Pasadena, Texas, and moved to Middle River, Maryland with his family when he was a child. He attended Victory Villa Elementary School and Middle River Middle School before attending Eastern Technical High School. Casey moved to Essex, Maryland with his mother, Sandra Nash, and his sister while he was in high school.

The Eastern Technical High School alumnus is succeeded by his father, Lewis Nash, his mother, Ms. Sandra L. Nash, his sister, Sara

Nash, and many family members in Middle River and Essex, Maryland.

Madam Speaker, today I ask that you join with me in honoring the life of a man truly dedicated to serving his Country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I regret that I did not vote on rollcall vote No. 400, on May 22, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted: “Yea” on rollcall No. 400 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2399, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities and for other purposes.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO TERESA KIRKEENG-KINCAID

#### HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teresa Kirkeeng-Kincaid, a remarkable civil servant who dedicated her entire career to making her community, the Illinois River basin, the Upper Mississippi River Region and her Nation a better place. Teresa passed away last week at the young age of 48, after a courageous battle against cancer. Her legacy, however, will continue long into the future. Teresa dedicated her entire professional life to working for the Federal Government. I have long believed that government service is a high and important calling. The hours are often long, the pressures are great, and the monetary compensation is frequently lower than what is available in the private sector. Teresa was one of those individuals who was more concerned with making a difference than making a fortune. Teresa joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer with the Rock Island District in 1981, and continued with the Corps for 26 years. In that time, she served in many roles, including Assistant Chief of the Planning, Program and Project Management Division.

During her two and a half decades of service, Teresa earned a reputation on the Illinois River basin, the Upper Mississippi Region and across the Nation as a public servant of great dedication and integrity. She played a leadership role in formulating navigation, flood damage, and ecosystem restoration projects throughout the entire Upper Mississippi River basin. She was the “go to person” throughout the Corps of Engineers on numerous planning issues. The team she led reestablished the Corps’ Planning Associates program to train future planners for the Corps, a legacy that will last for many decades.

I had the occasion to meet Teresa several times, and know the very high regard in which she was held by her co-workers, her countless friends, and her loving family. It is my hope they will take solace in the fact that through more than two decades of doing the day-to-

day work of democracy, Teresa Kirkeeng-Kincaid truly earned the title of “hero.”

“DEAMONTE’S LAW,” H.R. 2371

#### HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce that I have introduced “Deamonte’s Law,” H.R. 2371, a bill to establish a dental home for every American child by increasing dental services in community health centers and training more individuals in pediatric dentistry.

The legislation is named for Deamonte Driver, a 12-year-old Maryland boy who died on February 25, 2007, when a tooth infection spread to his brain. A routine dental checkup might have saved his life, but Deamonte was poor and homeless and he did not have access to a dentist.

When I learned of this senseless tragedy, I was deeply shaken. I simply cannot comprehend how, in this country where we have sent a man to the moon, we let a little boy’s teeth rot so badly that his infection became fatal.

I often say that as adults, we have a responsibility to provide for and protect our children—and we failed to meet that responsibility for little Deamonte.

I think we all should be ashamed by that fact. I know I am.

That is why I have made a commitment to addressing this issue from every angle. I knew that if Deamonte was suffering in my home state of Maryland, other little boys and girls like him were probably also suffering.

To be clear, Deamonte’s case was rare and extreme; however, even the most casual investigation reveals that children across the country are living with painful, untreated tooth decay, many of them dangerously close to acquiring life-threatening infections.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that tooth decay in baby teeth has increased 15 percent among United States toddlers and preschoolers 2 to 5 years old, between 1988 to 1994 and 1994 to 2004;

Tooth decay is the single most common childhood chronic disease, and it disproportionately affects poor and minority children;

Eighty percent of dental decay occurs in just 25 percent of children; and

Parents are three times more likely to report that their children’s dental needs are unmet, when compared with general medical care needs.

A silent epidemic of dental disease is plaguing our children, and our inability to address this issue has had horrifying effects.

That is why I have introduced “Deamonte’s Law,” H.R. 2371, which would address two critical factors contributing to the inability of children like Deamonte to access a dentist:

“Deamonte’s Law” would ensure that children like Deamonte have access to dental services in the communities where they live. Community health centers provide a health safety net to underserved areas, such as

rural and urban communities; however, an estimated 42 percent have gaps in their capacity to provide dental care. "Deamonte's Law" would address this issue by establishing a 5-year, \$5 million pilot program to provide funds for dentists, equipment and construction for dental services at community health centers. The program would also provide support for contractual relationships between centers and private practice dentists.

"Deamonte's Law" would also address the dentist shortage. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that there is a shortage of 4,650 dentists—and pediatric dentists are even more scarce. "Deamonte's Law" would address this issue by establishing a 5-year, \$5 million pilot program to enhance training and academic programs in pediatric dentistry, recruit and train dentists to study pediatrics, and provide continuing education for practicing dentists.

The legislation is endorsed by the American Dental Association.

I was joined in introducing this legislation by my colleagues, Chairman HENRY A. WAXMAN of California and Chairman DENNIS KUCINICH of Ohio.

I want to thank both Congressmen for their leadership and dedication to this issue.

On May 2, 2007, at my request, we conducted an oversight hearing entitled, "Evaluating Pediatric Dental Care under Medicaid" to investigate Deamonte Driver's death.

At the hearing, it became apparent that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has categorically failed to meet its oversight responsibilities with regard to ensuring that state health departments, and the managed care organizations that they contract with, are in compliance with the law.

Section 1905(r)(3) of the Social Security Act ensures that every Medicaid-eligible child will have access to medically necessary dental care under the early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment (EPSDT) provision. However, it is evident from our investigation that this has not been the case.

That is why Chairman KUCINICH and I sent letters to CMS Director Dennis Smith and Health and Human Services (HHS) Department Secretary Michael Leavitt to ensure that they are fulfilling their statutory obligation to provide comprehensive dental care to every Medicaid-eligible child.

I remain committed to addressing this problem from every angle, and I would urge all my colleagues to join me by supporting "Deamonte's Law," H.R. 2371.

I want to thank Representatives MILLER, COHEN, GRIJALVA, SERRANO, MCCOLLUM and PAYNE for already cosponsoring the legislation, and I would urge all of my colleagues to join them.

Children's lives are at stake. I can think of no better reason to act with a great sense of urgency.

TRIBUTE TO JESUS ARMAS—HAYWARD CITY MANAGER  
EXTRAORDINAIRE

## HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jesus Armas, City Manager of Hayward, CA. Mr. Armas is ending his long and distinguished career with the City of Hayward at the end of June 2007. Mr. Armas, who has been associated with the City for nearly 20 years, was initially Assistant City Manager and since 1993 has held the position of City Manager.

During his tenure, Mr. Armas has assisted the City Council in addressing a number of issues that were outstanding at the time of his appointment as City Manager. Among his first tasks was to help the City Council address the financial challenges facing the City. The City was experiencing declining revenues and a reduction in its fund balance. Working with department heads and with the cooperation and assistance of employees and their associations or unions, various cost-saving measures were presented and adopted by the Council, resulting in a balanced budget. This spirit of cooperation among all members of the organization was employed once again a decade later when a downturn in the economy required another belt tightening.

Mr. Armas has initiated and implemented a number of significant changes, which have made Hayward a better place in which to live and work. Under the City Council's direction, he initiated projects that dramatically transformed downtown Hayward. Construction of a new award-winning City Hall served as a catalyst for significant public and private sector investments in the downtown area. Housing and retail development continue at a fast pace. While many communities in the Bay Area talked about the concept of transit-oriented development, Hayward went beyond the talking stage and caused the concept to become a reality. Mr. Armas describes the transformation of downtown as something he is especially proud of.

Jesus Armas has been the force and vision behind many projects that have enhanced the social, financial and environmental well-being of the City of Hayward. In reflecting on his tenure, Mr. Armas said that beyond the bricks and mortar, what is noteworthy has been the opportunity to work in a diverse community, where differences involving race, ethnicity and languages, are embraced and seen as positive rather than negatives aspects of the community.

Mr. Armas states "I will be eternally grateful to Hayward residents for allowing me to experience a rewarding and enriching professional career." I join the City of Hayward, CA in expressing our profound appreciation to Mr. Armas for his exemplary commitment and dedicated public service.

HONORING THE STATE OF TEXAS  
FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
NATION'S CIVIL SPACE PROGRAM

## HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, a resolution honoring the State of Texas for its contributions to the Nation's civil space program.

Whereas the Johnson Space Center (JSC), originally established as the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas in 1961 and later renamed in honor of President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1973, continues to lead the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) efforts in human space exploration;

Whereas JSC Houston is the home of NASA's Mission Control, the Astronaut Corps, and is the premier center for our nation's human space flight and related scientific and medical research efforts;

Whereas JSC's team of dedicated professionals has made advances in science, technology, engineering and medicine that enable us to explore our world and universe as never before, and to derive unparalleled benefits from that exploration;

Whereas JSC currently employs over 3,200 civil servants that include the NASA astronaut corps and over 12,000 contractor employees, which makes a significant positive economic impact on both the state of Texas and the city of Houston;

Whereas NASA's Explorer School program in Texas brings together educators, administrators, students and families in sustained involvement with NASA's education programs and provides grants to schools to support the purchase of technology tools, online services and in-service support for the integration of technology applications to engage students in advanced science and mathematics investigations;

Whereas NASA's next mission—Space Shuttle Mission STS-117—is scheduled to launch this summer and honors the state of Texas by having 3 hometown astronauts aboard Mission Specialist James F. Reilly of Mesquite and Mission Specialists Patrick G. Forrester and John D. Olivas, both of El Paso; and

Whereas native Texans and Astronauts Robert S. Kimbrough and Shannon Walker have qualified for future space flights as mission specialists, Astronaut Timothy L. Kopra is currently in training at JSC for future flight assignments, Astronaut Michael E. Fossum has flown 1 space flight, and Astronaut Kenneth D. Cockrell has flown on 5 space flights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) Recognize these remarkable achievements to the nation's Civil Space Program by the State of Texas and its residents; and

(2) Congratulate NASA employees, astronauts, students, and teachers, for their ongoing contributions to the advancement of United States engineering, scientific, and aeronautic capacity, ensuring a brighter and stronger future for this Nation.